(c) what is the reasons for not fulfilling the demand ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) Allocation of Kerosene to States/Union Territories is made on a historical basis subject to availability of the product. Presently kerosene allocation for Orissa is 12,956 MTs per month. SKO allocation to all States/UTs is being maintained at the same level as during 1991-92.

Purchase of Natural gas from Bangladesh

£1450. SHRI DEBARATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently approached Bangladesh for purchasing of natural gas for commercial use in India, particularly in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the response therefrom;

(c) whether Goernment propose to further improve the trade relations between India and Bangladesh;

(d) if so, the steps taken so far in that direction; and

(e) the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The response is not encouraging.

(c) to (e) The steps being taken in this regard include relief in customs duty wherever possible, participation in trade fairs, exchange of trade delegations and dialogues at official and business levels.

The impact of these measures would be evident from the following trade figures:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Total Trade
1987-88	201.60
1988-89	276.47
1989-90	477.63
1990-91	478.73
1991-92	823.60

£Previously unstarred question 677, transferred from 26th November, 1992

Identification of Area for Exploration of Oil and Gas in Arunachal Pradesh

1451. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some areas in Arunachal Pradesh have been identified by the Oil India Limited for exploration of oil and Gas there; and

(b) if so, what are the district-wise details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In addition to the two existing oilfields in Arunachal Pradesh, namely, Kharsang and Kumchai in Changlang district, Oil India Limited is carrying out exploration in Kharem (Pengri-Bordumsa) area in the same district.

Supply of L.P.G. Cylinders at Basot in Almora District of U.P.

1452. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no L.P.G. agency at Basot which is the last motorable point in Ranikhet-Bhatraujkhan-Basot Road in District Almora, U.P.,

(b) whether it is also a fact that M/s. Ranikhet Gas Service supplies LPG cylinders at Bhatraujkhan twice a month to all the consumers residing at places spread over 15 kms. from Bhatraujkhan to Basot;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to direct M/s. Ranikhet Gas Service to supply LPG cylinders on all the main points along the Bhatraujkhan-Basot Road; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The villages including Basot situated along Bhatraujkhan-Basot Road are very small having extremely low potential.